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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the 1 sting of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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An Appendix including amended drawing figures is attached following page 9 of this paper.

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